



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – September 28, 2015

FirstNet News

- The FirstNet Board will convene an open public meeting on October 2, 2015, preceded by open public meetings of the Board Committees on October 1, 2015. On October 1, 2015 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EDT, there will be two open public meetings of FirstNet's four Board Committees. The first meeting is a joint meeting of the Governance and Personnel and Finance Committee and will be held between 8-11:30 a.m. EDT. The second meeting is a joint meeting of the Technology and Consultation Committee and will be held between 1-4:30 p.m. The full FirstNet Board will hold an open public meeting on October 2, 2015 between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. EDT. Visit the [FirstNet website](#) for additional information.
- We are finalizing the agenda and materials for the upcoming SPOC meeting on October 7-8, 2015 in Westminster, CO. As of September 21, more than 125 attendees from 50 states and territories are registered. In addition, 5 Tribal Working Group members and 3 PSAC Executive Committee (EC) members have registered for the event.
- This week, FirstNet will participate in the Arizona and Virginia initial consultation meetings, the association staff briefing, the PSAC EC meeting, the FirstNet Committee and Board meetings, Regional Broadband Summit, the annual West Virginia Statewide Interoperability Conference, a coordination meeting with Health and Human Services (HHS), an International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) webinar and the South and North Dakota Combined Law Enforcement Conference.
- Last week, FirstNet participated in the PSAC webinar; the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Tribal Broadband, Telecom, and Broadcast Training and Consultation Workshop; the federal Point of Contact (POCs) monthly conference call; the Minnesota Statewide Emergency Communications Board meeting; a meeting with the Commissioner of Police for the State University of New York (SUNY) system in Albany, New York; the California Fire Chiefs Association board /meeting; the Utah Communications Authority FirstNet Outreach and Education meeting; and the Arctic Council's Task Force on Telecommunications Infrastructure in the Arctic. Staff also met with the executive directors of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association (GPTCA) and the Coalition of Larger Tribes (COLT).

- Federal consultation and outreach held its monthly agency POC conference call, with six agencies participating: Commerce, Defense, FCC, Health and Human Services, Justice, and Transportation.
- To date, FirstNet has held 50 initial state consultation meetings involving more than 3,400 public safety representatives. Future consultations are confirmed for: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (10/20), Guam (10/22), and Oklahoma (10/28). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).

News from the PSAC, States, and Territories

- FirstNet leadership and staff will be meeting with the PSAC Executive Committee on September 30, 2015 to discuss current PSAC efforts and potential new assignments.
- The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) annual conference presentation, “Promoting Public Safety – FirstNet and Next Generation 911 Services,” featuring FirstNet Washington state SPOC Bill Schrier and representatives from LA-RICS and the state of Colorado is available for viewing on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BX3Pi4I2HJE>.

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

Media coverage this week included the upcoming Board meeting, local press reports on Early Builder projects, FirstNet planning efforts in some states, and FirstNet outreach to a volunteer Fire Department.

Urgent Communications: LA-RICS Nears Finish Line On Public-Safety LTE System Deployment, On Target For Sept. 30 Deadline

<http://urgentcomm.com/public-safety/la-rics-nears-finish-line-public-safety-lte-system-deployment-target-sept-30-deadline>

The much-anticipated public-safety LTE network being deployed by the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) is on track to be completed by next week's federal deadline, and the new system should be operational by the end of the year, according to an LA-RICS spokesman.

NVFC News: Equipping Volunteer Responders with Broadband Technologies

<http://www.nvfc.org/emergency-preparedness-and-prevention-news/equipping-volunteer-responders-with-broadband-technologies>

Throughout FirstNet's consultations with the states and territories, we have been learning about the complexity and incredible commitment of our nation's public safety community.

National Law Review: 4.9 GHz Further Notice Expected; FirstNet Board Meeting; 911 Reliability; Regulatory Fees, Vol XII, Issue 38

<http://www.natlawreview.com/article/49-ghz-further-notice-expected-firstnet-board-meeting-911-reliability-regulatory>

FirstNet Board and Committee Meetings Announced

On October 1, FirstNet will hold two public meetings of its four Board Committees: Governance and Personnel; Finance; Technology; and Consultation and Outreach. An open meeting of the full Board will be held on October 2, 2015. Details on the meeting times and location were published in the Federal Register on September 17.

National Journal: Why Police and Firefighters Still Can't Talk to Each Other

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/s/73287/d-block-saga>

A maddening take of what happened when Washington got its hands on a good idea...If FirstNet can keep things on track, it will aim to start actually bidding the net-work sometime in 2018.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet was an active topic on Social Media fronts this week. The FirstNet Twitter account experienced a jump of about 30 followers, which is about the weekly average – from 2,679

followers to 2,707 followers; LinkedIn increased to 979 users; YouTube increased to 162 subscribers; and Google+ has 54 users.

New blog entries include [FirstNet Board Members, CEO Visit Technical Headquarters in Boulder](#), [Equipping Volunteer Responders with Broadband Technologies](#), and a recap of the Kansas Consultation meeting. All blog posts can also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog.